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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that Dear Sir: a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 1, 2003 to January 1, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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